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Press Statement from Pu'uuhonua o Pu'uuhuluhulu*

Pu'uuhuluhulu, July 30, 2019. Today we celebrate a victory that reaffirms our resolve. Governor Ige has admitted that he underestimated our strength, unity, and broad public support. Our numbers continue to grow and his ability to oppose his own people is becoming less and less justifiable. Ige's rescinding of the emergency proclamation illustrates how he can no longer claim that we are threatening public safety. We are the public.

We also celebrate Governor Ige's adjusted timing. It's a stall tactic. Governor Ige has been forced to lean on this tactic because he understands we are not stepping away from this struggle. It is a struggle that communities across Hawai'i have faced for far too long—our government agencies who are supposed to protect what our society values are instead skirting the law and acting on behalf of private corporate interests.

Our movement of aloha 'āina has ignited not just Hawaiians but people worldwide who want to protect Hawai'i from self-serving, big-business.

We value Maunakea, our culture, and our unity. Protecting them is a struggle we are ready to sustain for as long as it takes.

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